

INTERAGENCY CLASSIFICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE  
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JOHN F. BLAKE  
CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COMMITTEE  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT:

CIA QUARTERLY REPORTS

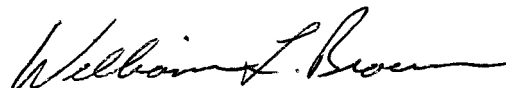
Your attention is called to several items reflected in the CIA's recently submitted quarterly reports which we believe merit special attention by you.

1. The number of authorized classifiers within the CIA has increased by 48 since December 31, 1973. Please thoroughly review this matter in order to determine if the number is being "limited to the minimum number absolutely required for efficient administration." The CIA has made a great deal of progress the last two years in reducing the number of classifiers; it is important that this progress not be slowly eroded.
2. The CIA's agency-wide classification abuses inspection program initiated on February 1, 1974, is apparently not functioning as well as it should. Otherwise, there surely would not have been a negative classification abuses report submitted for the 2nd CY quarter. As you may know, both the Senate Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations and the House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information are particularly concerned about classification abuses within the Government. We share that concern. Negative or token reports on classification abuses do not alleviate that concern, but rather they tend to raise questions about the effectiveness of an agency's program. Please review this matter.

Pursuant to authority contained in Part X,C, of the National Security Council Directive of May 17, 1972, we would, therefore, appreciate a written report on the points raised in this memorandum within the next 30 days. In addition, we would appreciate receiving at

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the same time an unclassified report on how the CIA's agency-wide classification abuses inspection program operates.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William L. Brown".

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